

Office of Legislative Counsel

Memorandum for the Director's Log

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25X1A Lt. Fisher, G-2, USA, discussed with Col. Hansen and Legislative Counsel the request of the Congressional committee investigating the Katyn Forest Massacre to declassify for public release a memorandum of 8 December 1943 to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, prepared by [redacted]. This memorandum requests authority to conduct military intelligence operations against the Soviets on a permanent basis. It also recommends utilizing Polish personnel and the establishment of a central bureau for this purpose in Palestine. The Department of the Army has already made this memorandum available on a classified basis to the Committee.

We informed Lt. Fisher that we were strongly opposed to its declassification on the basis that it would indicate weaknesses in the intelligence system in 1943, and it might indicate certain parallel operations presently in effect. In addition, [redacted] has just been assigned to CIA and the publication of this memorandum would render him useless for intelligence work. The propaganda value of the memorandum to the Russians if it were to be published was also noted.

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cc - Col. Hansen

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